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Revision of the scales of pay of village officers.

* 1314 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Tamilnad Village Officers' Conference held on 6th February 1954 at Tiruchirappalli by a resolution requested the Government to revise the scales of pay of village officers as per the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission, and, if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" A copy of the resolutions passed by the XI Conference of the Tamilnad Village Officers' Association held at Tiruchirappalli on 7th February 1954 has been received by the Government. One of the resolutions relates to the revision of the emoluments of the village officers on the scales recommended by the Salaries Committee in the year 1919. The Government have examined the question already and in view of their present financial condition, they have declined to revise the scale of emoluments."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR:—" In view of the present financial condition of the Government, is there any move to reduce the scales of pay of village officers? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Does the hon. Member sincerely wish for it? "

Execution of the Tirumani Drainage channel in Vennar division, Tanjore district.

* 1315 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the estimated cost for excavation of the Tirumani Drainage Channel in Vennar division, Tanjore district; and

(*b*) when the Government propose to execute the work?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) The cost for carrying out improvements to Tirumaniar Channel from mile 10/4 to 13/0 up to its infall into Kannanar was estimated at Rs. 56,000 in the year 1952.

" (*b*) The work has been kept in abeyance till a decision is taken on the scheme now under consideration for straight cutting the Pattuvanachi drain into the sea, since this latter scheme will relieve floods in Pamaniar and the backing up of its waters into Kannanar, beyond the confluence of Tirumaniar, which is blocking the flow of Tirumaniar and the necessity for improvements to Tirumaniar and the extent to which it has to be carried out depends on the results of this scheme. Without the large scheme, the improvement of the Tirumaniar may be ineffective."

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SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR :—" ஸார், வடிகால் தகராறின் காரணமாக வருஷாவருஷம் பல ஆயிரக்கணக்கான ஏகர் நிலங்களுக்கு சர்க்கார் நிரந்தரமாக வரி வஜா செய்திருக்கிறது. இந்த வடிகாலைச் சரியாகச் செப்பனிட்டால் உணவு உற்பத்தி அதிகமாவதுடன் சர்க்காருடைய வருமானமும் கணிசமான அளவு பெருகும். புதிய புதிப திட்டங்களில் சர்க்கார் அதிகமான கவனம் செலுத்துவதைவிட, இத்தகைய திட்டங்களை எடுத்துக்கொண்டு நிறைவேற்றினால், அதிக பலனுள்ளதாக இருக்குமாகையால், அவைகளில் சர்க்கார் கவனம் செலுத்தி நடவடிக்கை எடுபபார்களா ?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have stated, Sir, that it is very essential and that is why we want to launch upon larger projects. As I have already said, it is under the active consideration of the Government."

10 a.m. SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" The hon. Member, Mr. Venkatesha Sholagar, has not understood the answer given by the Hon. the Minister for Public Works in English. A translation of the answer in Tamil may please be given."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Not now please."

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has the Hon. Minister to say in this matter?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Let the hon. Member meet me in my Chamber. I shall explain it to him."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall take five more minutes and finish the remaining questions."

Misappropriation of public funds by the President, Panchayat Board, Pasumbaloor village, Perambaloor taluk.

* 1316 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any complaint of misappropriation of public funds and forgery, dated 8th January 1954, against the President, Panchayat Board, Pasumbaloor village, Perambaloor taluk, from the villagers was received by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) An enquiry which was held by the Additional District Panchayat Officer into the allegations, revealed that there was some substance in some of them. The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards is being asked to make further enquiries into the matter and to deal with the president of the panchayat suitably on the strength of the materials becoming available."